

Celebrating Collaboration

Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body

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What's New in Livingston...

Livingston Link-Up

Ever felt like you'd like to be more connected with the other public service organizations and care providers in our community?

It's time to Link-Up! On February 3rd, come meet your fellow local service providers and learn more about what they do. The Livingston Link-Up is free to attend for professionals, care providers, business members, and anyone looking to learn more about the services in our community and how they can connect to provide better care and education for those they serve.



Livingston
LINK-UP

The event will be held on **Friday, February 3rd from 4 pm - 6:30 pm at 2/42 Community Church.**

To help us plan for the event, registration is required (click [here](#))! Please feel free to share this event with anyone you may know who'd be interested in attending. We look forward to linking-up soon!

STARRY NIGHT HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Brighten the holidays for children at LACASA Center by participating in the 5th Annual Starry Night Holiday Toy Drive!

Bring a new, unwrapped toy – or a gift card for tweens and teens – to the charity resale boutique, LACASA Collection, and receive a coupon to use in-store. Donated toys and gift cards will bring a smile to the faces of children and teens receiving services at LACASA's Crisis Shelter and Children's Counseling Center. In addition, parents who are clients at LACASA receive toy shopping vouchers, which ensure Santa's sleigh is stocked with everything needed for the big holiday ride. The Starry Night Holiday Toy Drive runs Nov. 1 – Dec. 17. For details about the drive, LACASA Collection address and store hours, and information about services at LACASA Center, visit lacasacenter.org



THE EDUCATION PROJECT SNACK PACK DRIVE

Every winter break, The Education Project has a snack pack donation drive to help supplement the meals students would typically be provided at school. The donation drive will begin November 28th and run through December 9th.

All items can be dropped off at Livingston Educational Service Agency located at 1425 W. Grand River in Howell. The snack packs will be distributed the week of December 12th.

Workgroup Spotlight: Homeless Continuum of Care

The Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care (HCC) works to provide rent, shelter, and utility support to the community year-round. From October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022, the HCC has spent over \$700,000 on these initiatives.

Additionally, \$5,430,046 in COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) funds were spent to support Livingston County households facing eviction and this helped 590 households maintain housing from March 15, 2021 – September 30, 2022.

In terms of sheltering those who are homeless, the HCC provides hotel vouchers. These vouchers are used all year long. They are used for individuals, couples, and families. To access a hotel voucher, there is a flow chart of resources. The HCC process is to follow the flow chart, and then reach out to The Salvation Army or St. Vincent de Paul for hotel vouchers if the need is not met by any other agency.

The up-to-date shelter resource (flow chart) can be found online in the Resource Box on the [HSCB Website](#).

Homelessness and housing are complicated problems for every community, and locally, the HCC lacks a robust adult shelter resource and obtainable housing. The HCC is very excited to have our partner, Community Catalyst's newest project, Bethel Suites open in the spring. This site will provide 14 affordable, transitional housing options for short-term stays and space for onsite case management.



OLHSA continues to serve the community through a hybrid work schedule. OLHSA is available virtually every day from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. People seeking assistance can call or email staff from this list.

OLHSA does have in-person availability for program appointments & to serve walk-ins Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:30 at our office located at 2300 E Grand River Suite 107 (Livingston County East Complex). There is a basic COVID screening that will be given at the door.

General Inquiries and Utility Assistance
517-546-8500 info@olhsa.org

Emergency Shelter / Housing Assistance
248-520-9673 hara@olhsa.org

Emergency Shelter After-Hours
517-672-8658

Rental Assistance (Non-CERA)
248-209-2604 hara@olhsa.org

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
517-599-6954 veterans@olhsa.org

Housing Counseling & Homebuyers Education
248-860-7845 housingcounseling@olhsa.org

New to Our Community

Home Injury Control & Chore Programs



In a recent study conducted by AARP, 77% of people 50 and above want to remain in their homes as long as possible. That is a statistic that has not changed over the past two decades.

To help seniors in Livingston County remain in their homes, Livingston County Catholic Charities and Habitat for Humanity have developed two new programs aimed at seniors achieving this goal.

Effective October 1, 2022, the **Home Injury Control Program** and the **Chore Program** were launched. LCCC and Habit for Humanity together provide items such as grab bars, enhanced lighting, change light bulbs, caulk windows and doors, attach weather stripping, add handrails, repair existing handrails, and a myriad of other items.

For more information please contact LCCC Senior Services @ 517-545-5944

Michigan Psychological Care is new to Livingston County!

With our office in the old Press & Argus on Grand River Ave, we are able to provide in-person and telemedicine sessions to the community. We also have offices in Jackson, Saint Johns, Alma, and Midland. Michigan Psychological has options for individuals, couples and family, group counseling, psychological evaluations, and much more.

We work with most insurances and have the option of interns for those we don't participate with. Mental health struggles have skyrocketed since COVID hit. Depression and anxiety have risen 40-45% in the general population and 60-65% in people aged 19-29.

Have you found yourself wondering if your symptoms point to depression, anxiety, ADHD, PTSD, or others? You are not alone. We can help. Michigan Psychological Care has several care providers open NOW to provide psychological evaluations and follow-up care. No waitlist for psychological evaluations? That's right!!! Seasonal affective disorder is making its way in. With sunshine in lesser duration and intensity, feelings of depression and anxiety are on the rise. Don't let the winter blues get to you, get set up with Michigan Psychological Care for any of your mental health needs. For more information, check out our website www.michiganpsychologicalcare.com

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Save the Date!

OLHSA's Livingston Walk for Warmth will be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2023**, 9:00 a.m. at the Hartland Education Support Service Center.

OLHSA's Walk for Warmth raises funds to keep local families warm and safely housed



Does winter get you down? Are the holidays a source of unwanted stress?

Consider joining one of these online discussion groups sponsored by the Stay Well program. Click the links to learn more and register:

[Support for those with Seasonal Affective Disorder \(SAD\)](#)

[Support for managing holiday stress](#)

Stay Well has also added 3 new posters to its "**Create Your Calm**" collection! These posters, which demonstrate chair-yoga poses to help working professionals cope with stress, are available for free and will be shipped at no cost to your location. Use this new [order form](#) to get yours.

STAY WELL
Michigan.gov/StayWell

Free Resources!



Ensuring a system of support for members of our community

Connect with Local Resources



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RESOURCE BOX

www.livgov.com/hscb

* Housing	* Substance Use	* Senior Supports
* Food	* Mental Health	* Emergency Supports
* Transportation	* Foster Care	

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